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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AEMR, UG, US
SUBJECT: UGANDA EMERGENCY PLANNING: CODED MESSAGE
SYSTEM

REFERENCE: STATE 204344

1. ON AUGUST 14, WE PASSED REFTEL TO FOREIGN OFFICE
FOR TRANSMITTAL TO FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA. WE HAVE JUST
RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FRG EMBASSY RESPONSE:

BEGIN TEXT

1. THIS EMBASSY HAS FOUND THE CODED MESSAGES FOR
EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF AMCITS UNSUITABLE FOR THE
FOLLOWING REASONS:

1.1. THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF WEATHER CHANGES

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1.2. LAST WEEK THERE WAS A STORY HERE IN KAMPALA
OF A "SPEAKING TORTOISE" WHICH WANTED TO MEET PRESIDENT
AMIN IN CONNECTION WITH A PUBLIC OUTCRY AND THAT FOUR
ALTERNATIVES WERE TO BE PUT BEFORE HIM:

EITHER A) HE RESIGNS, OR THE COUNTRY WOULD FACE
B) 6 YEARS OF TORRENTIAL RAINS

- C) 6 YEARS OF SUNNY PERIODS
- D) 6 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS WAR.

THE UGANDA GOVERNMENT HAS STRONGLY DENOUNCED THE ALLEGED RUMOUR MONGERING CREATING ANXIETY AMONG THE PEOPLE. CONSEQUENTLY, THE US COMMUNITY SHOULD AVOID GETTING INVOLVED IN WEATHER PREDICTIONS.

2. AS AN ALTERNATIVE THE GERMAN EMBASSY SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES:

THE EMBASSY INFORMS YOU THAT

A) "THE SCHEDULED MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED" WOULD MEAN THAT ALTHOUGH A CAMPAIGN OF HARASSMENT HAS BEGUN, AMERICANS ARE TO STANDFAST BUT LISTEN TO VOICE OF AMERICA AND BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE. WARDENS SHOULD MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR EVACUATION AND ALERT ALL AMERICANS.

B) "THE SCHEDULED MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED" WOULD MEAN THAT A CAMPAIGN OF HARASSMENT AGAINST AMERICANS HAS BEGUN, AND THAT THE USG STRONGLY ADVISES ALL AMERICANS TO DEPART UGANDA IMMEDIATELY. WARDENS SHOULD ALERT ALL AMERICANS AND ORGANIZE A LAND EVACUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVEMENT PLAN.

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C) "THE SCHEDULED MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW" WOULD MEAN THERE IS A GENERAL BREAKDOWN OF ORDER, AND THAT THE US GOVERNMENT STRONGLY ADVISES ALL AMERICANS TO EVACUATE UGANDA IMMEDIATELY. WARDENS SHOULD ALERT ALL AMERICANS AND ORGANIZE A LAND EVACUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVEMENT PLAN.

3. EXCLUDING AN EMERGENCY, IT WILL TAKE THE EMBASSY'S OFFICIALS APPROX. TWO WEEKS TO GO AROUND THE COUNTRY BY CAR AND INFORM THE WARDENS.

INSTRUCTION REQUESTED WHETHER THE PROPOSED MESSAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT. FROEWIS.
END TEXT.
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